

Minutes of the Southern Energy Board meeting 6 January 1997 at 172 Skye Road, Frankston.

Present: Robert Gourley(Chair), John Neve, Richard Greaves, David Griffiths and Lois Wishart.

1. Resolved that the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting of 25 November 1996.

M: John Neve S: Lois Wishart CARRIED

Members Meeting

The Board discussed the proposed members meeting on 3 February 1997.

2. Resolved that the members meeting be changed from 3 February to 7. 30 pm 3 March 1997, Central Park Cafe, and that this be consolidated as the Annual General Meeting and the Secretary be empowered to act as required by the Registrar of Co-operatives and that the following documents be circulated to members in accordance to AGM meeting requirements:

A notice of the meeting.

An agenda for the meeting.

A Board recommendation on the future of the co-operative.

A general report summary of activities.

A financial report summary.

M: Richard Greaves S: Lois Wishart CARRIED

The Secretary said he would ascertain the meeting requirements for the AGM to ensure compliance.

The Board briefly discussed the need to contact all members to maximise attendance at the AGM. John Neve said he would contact all those members who worked for United Energy.

Audit

There was a brief discussion that the auditor had not responded to the Secretary's letter of X September 1995 regarding the last audit.

The Secretary also said that there were insufficient funds to pay for the next audit and that the Directors would have to accept responsibility for paying for the audit.

The Secretary also said that he would clarify as to whether or not audit requirements would be less under the new Co-operatives Act for future years.

3. Resolved that the Chairman and Richard Greaves will work together in clarifying expectations of the co-operative's auditor.

M: Richard Greaves S: John Neve

Membership

The Secretary reported that membership fees for both the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd and Co-operative Energy Ltd were due and that there were insufficient funds.

The Chairman and the Secretary said they would provide \$50 each to the co-operative to cover these membership fees.

Board Meeting

The Chairman stepped down to move the following resolution:

4. Resolved that the following documents be presented at the next Board meeting:

A notice of the meeting.

An agenda for the meeting.

A Board recommendation on the future of the co-operative.

A general report summary of activities.

A financial report summary.

The audit

M: R. Gourley S: John Neve CARRIED

Scoping Study

The Secretary reported on the Electric Industry Co-operative Task Force and circulated the draft Executive Summary of the Scoping Study on the basis that directors would provide feedback by the end of January 1997 at the latest.

Survey

The Secretary circulated copies of the USA Co-operative Grocers Association of the NorthEast Board of Directors Assessment questionnaire for Board members. It was agreed that directors would complete the questionnaire for the next Board meeting.

Membership Advantages

The Chairman circulated the attached document for discussion on membership advantages dated 6 January 1997.

NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm, 3 February 1997, 172 Skye Road, Frankston

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Things that members can get through joining; possibly:

1. Eventually, after 2000, a better price than average, through the bargaining power of a group rather than an individual.

Before 2000

1. Help to obtain a "Smart Meter" preferably free, which will automatically give night rate electricity from 11.00pm to 7.00 am
2. A pamphlet about saving electricity (from Energy Victoria) with each newsletter.
3. A better-than-Safeway price on Philips compact fluoro lamps e.g. 20 watts (replacing 100w)
4. Ten per cent off a subscription to "Soft Technology" magazine (has new name)
5. A combined service & consumption rate to make economical usage more profitable to consumers.

Robert Gourley

Chairman

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